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Subject: Comments on Donner Summit
PUD Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Re: Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (including the two Options) and Tentative Cease and Desist Order for the Donner Summit PUD Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above. I have lived in Nevada City for 15 years and have been involved in environmental issues locally, in the Tahoe National Forest and in the Sierras in general.

My requests for the final order include:

- 1) Require a Flow Study based on the installation of a stream gage near the point of discharge, not 10 miles downstream.
- 2) Prohibit discharge to the river beyond the August 1 to September 30 period. At least add July to the prohibited period.
- 3) Prohibit discharge to the river when land disposal is feasible.
- 4) Take into account the effects of climate change.
- 5) Reduce the period of interim limits for ammonia, nitrate, aluminum, manganese, copper, cyanide, aldrin, alpha BHC, silver and zinc from 5 years to 2 years.
- 6) Do not allow a Dilution Credit Option.

Sincerely



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